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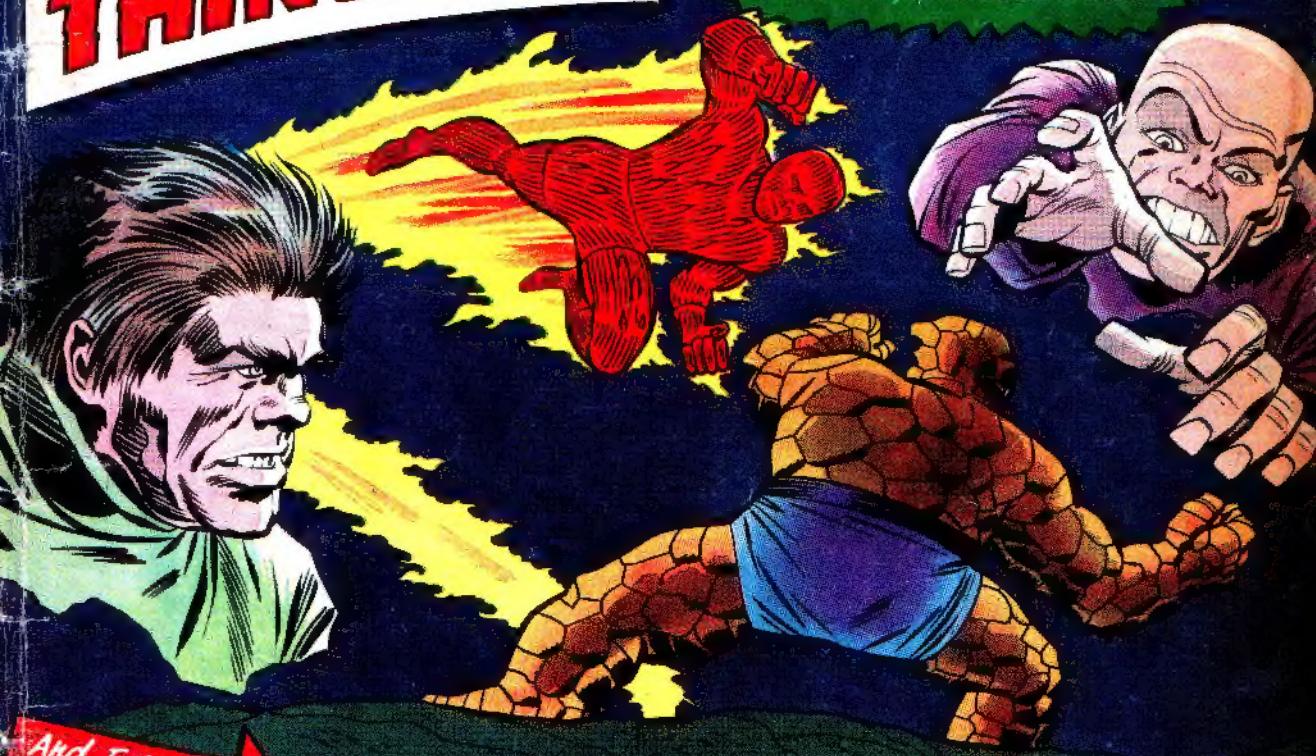
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HUMAN TORCH
AND THE EVER-LOVIN' BLUE-EYED
THING BECOME...

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OF THE
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AT LAST!
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OF A FOOL-
PROOF WAY TO
DESTROY THE
FANTASTIC
FOUR!

NO! I WON'T
FIGHT THEM AGAIN!
THEY'RE TOO
POWERFUL!

YOU WILL
FIGHT THEM! FOR
MY NEW PLAN
WILL USE THEIR
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TIRED LETTERER.

OUR MISTAKE IN
THE PAST WAS
TACKLING THEM
ALL TOGETHER!

THIS TIME WE'LL BE
SMARTER! THIS TIME
WE'LL TACKLE THE WEAK-
EST... THE YOUNGEST
ONE, ALONE!



HE'S ALWAYS TEAMED UP
WITH THE THING! WHEN
THEY COMBINE THE TORCH'S
FLAME WITH THE THING'S
STRENGTH, THEY'RE
UNBEATABLE!

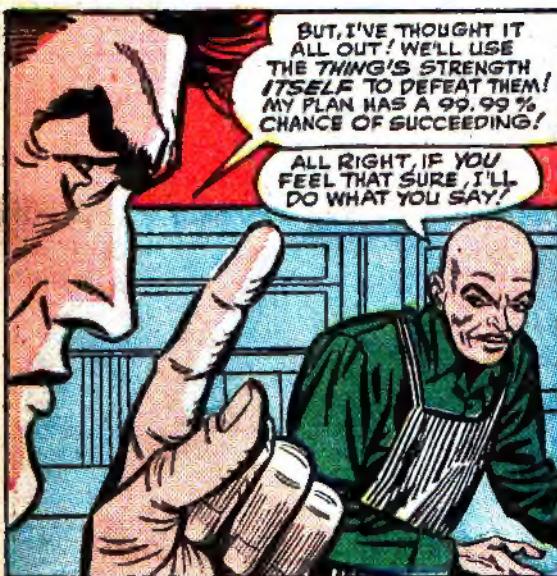


"JUST THE THOUGHT OF
FACING THEIR ATTACK SENDS
CHIVERS DOWN MY SPINE!"



BUT, I'VE THOUGHT IT
ALL OUT! WE'LL USE
THE THING'S STRENGTH
ITSELF TO DEFEAT THEM!
MY PLAN HAS A 99.99%
CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING!

ALL RIGHT, IF YOU
FEEL THAT SURE, I'LL
DO WHAT YOU SAY!



TAKE YOUR RADIO-ACTIVE CLAY AND
MAKE A PUPPET OF THE THING! FOLLOW
MY INSTRUCTIONS TO THE LETTER!

THE THINKER IS
A MENTAL
GENIUS! IF
ANYONE CAN
PULL THIS OFF,
HE CAN!

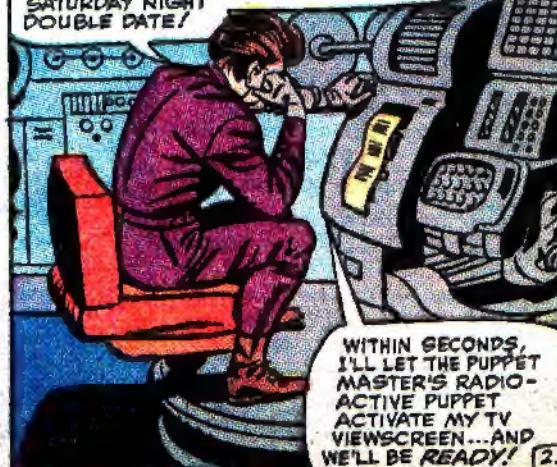


I HAVE CAREFULLY PLANNED EVERY MOVE... AND
MY ELECTRONIC COMPUTERS INDICATE MY COM-
PUTATIONS ARE FLAWLESS! WE SHALL BEGIN BY
USING THE THING TO DESTROY THE TORCH!

SOMEHOW, THIS TIME I HAVE A
FEELING WE'LL SUCCEED! WHAT
A TRIUMPH IT WILL BE FOR US
IF WE COULD SLAY THE TORCH! IT
WOULD BE WORTH ANYTHING!



ACCORDING TO MY COMPUTATIONS,
IT IS TIME FOR OUR TWO VICTIMS TO BE
LEAVING IN THEIR FANTASTI-CAR TO PICK
UP THEIR GIRL FRIENDS FOR THEIR USUAL
SATURDAY NIGHT
DOUBLE DATE!



WITHIN SECONDS,
I'LL LET THE PUPPET
MASTER'S RADIO-
ACTIVE PUPPET
ACTIVATE MY TV
VIEWSCREEN... AND
WE'LL BE READY!

AND, THE MAD THINKER IS, AS USUAL,
100 % CORRECT IN HIS DEDUCTION/FOR,
AT THAT VERY MOMENT...

WHAT DID YOU THINK
OF THAT JOKE I TOLD
YOU, BENJAMIN ?? HEY,
BEN...? WELL, FOR
CRYIN' OUT LOUD!!

THE BIG APE
FELL ASLEEP
ON ME! .

HAWRRRRR!



WELL, I'LL TEACH HIM TO GET
SOME SHUT-EYE WHEN I'M
TALKIN' TO HIM! THIS'LL
SURE WAKE HIM UP IN A
HURRY!

HEY! WHAT'S
GOIN' ON
HERE ??



JOHNNY! ARE YOU
SOME KINDA NUT OR
SOMETHIN' ?? I'M TOO
BEAUTIFUL TO DIE!

OKAY, BIG BUDDY, I'LL
LEVEL HER OFF! BUT
NEXT TIME STAY
AWAKE WHEN I'M
MAKIN' A FUNNY!

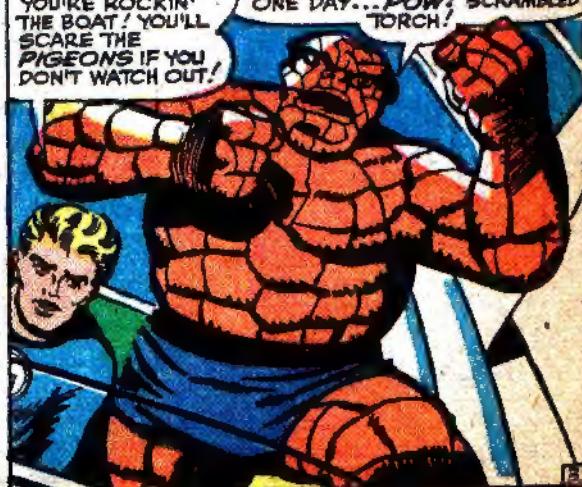


SO! YOU DID THAT ON PURPOSE, HUH ?? TO
ME... THE SWEETEST, GENTLEST FRIEND
AN UNDESERVING CRUMB LIKE YOU
EVER HAD!



AW, SIT DOWN,
LOUDMOUTH...
YOU'RE ROCKIN'
THE BOAT! YOU'LL
SCARE THE
PIGEONS IF YOU
DON'T WATCH OUT!

GO AHEAD, JUNIOR...KEEP
TALKIN' THAT WAY... AND THEN
ONE DAY... POW! SCRAMBLED
TORCH!

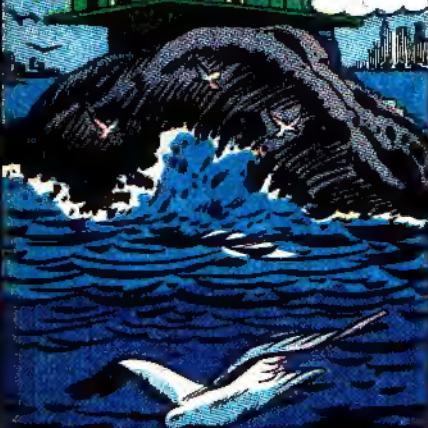


AND, AT THAT VERY SECOND, AT THE MAD THINKER'S PRIVATE ISLE, WHICH HOUSES HIS VAST COMPLEX OF ELECTRONIC COMPUTERS...

IT IS EXACTLY 6:18 P.M.! THE PUPPET MASTER SHOULD CALL TO ME IN ONE AND A HALF SECONDS...

OKAY, THINKER! I'VE FINISHED THE PUPPET OF THE THING!

I MUST BE GETTING CARELESS! MY TIME ESTIMATE WAS ONE-TENTH OF A SECOND. TOO SLOW!



AH, MY T.V. VIEWSCREEN HAS COME TO LIFE, ACTIVATED BY THE RADIO-ACTIVITY OF YOUR PUPPET, JUST AS I PLANNED!

AND, SO LONG AS YOU HOLD THE PUPPET OF THE UNSUSPECTING THING, THE SCREEN WILL ENABLE US TO FOLLOW HIS EVERY MOVE! NOW, PREPARE FOR PHASE TWO OF OUR INFALLIBLE PLAN!



ALL READY, THINKER! THE THING IS NOW UNDER MY MENTAL CONTROL! WHAT IS THE FIRST COMMAND I MUST GIVE HIM?

IN EXACTLY TWO SECONDS, HAVE HIM ATTACK THE TORCH... GET READY... GO!



AND, IN THE SPEEDING FANTASTI-CAR, HIGH ABOVE THE CITY...

OKAY, BENJAMIN... LET'S QUIT KIDDIN' AROUND! WE'LL BE LATE FOR OUR DATE WITH DORRIE AND ALICIA! SIT DOWN, YOU BIG CORN-BALL!



BUT, AS THE THING'S HAND GETS CLOSER TO THE UNWARY TORCH, THE TORRID TEEN-AGER HAS NO REASON TO SUSPECT THAT HIS POWERFUL PAL ISN'T KIDDING AROUND... BUT, IS UNDER THE COMPLETE MENTAL CONTROL OF ONE OF THEIR MOST DANGEROUS FOES!

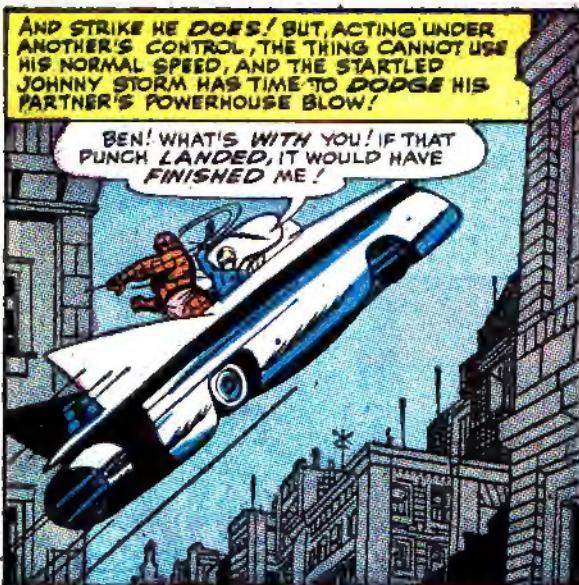


NOW! COMMAND HIM TO STRIKE! AT THIS SPLIT-SECOND! NOTHING CAN FOIL MY PLAN... IT'S PERFECT!



AND STRIKE HE DOES! BUT, ACTING UNDER ANOTHER'S CONTROL, THE THING CANNOT USE HIS NORMAL SPEED, AND THE STARTLED JOHNNY STORM HAS TIME TO DODGE HIS PARTNER'S POWERHOUSE BLOW!

BEN! WHAT'S WITH YOU! IF THAT PUNCH LANDED, IT WOULD HAVE FINISHED ME!



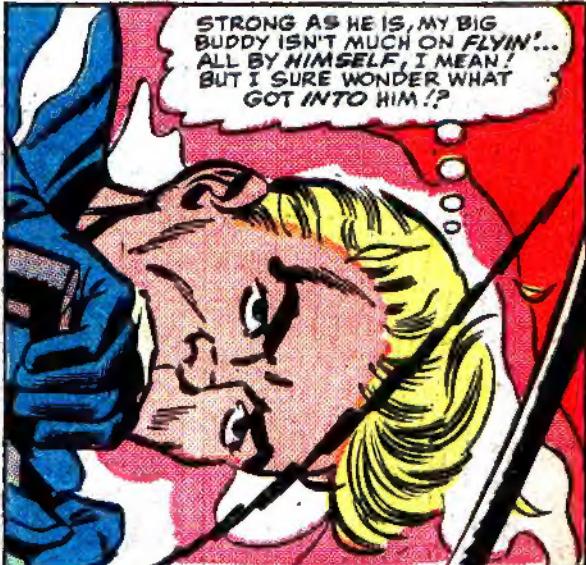
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOIN' ON, BUT IF IT'S A FIGHT YOU WANT, THE HUMAN TORCH WILL TAKE OVER NOW!

FLAME ON!



BUT, WITH HIS FLAME ON, THE TORCH CAN'T HOLD THE FANTASTI-CAR'S CONTROLS...AND SO THE DELICATE SHIP BEGINS TO TAILSPIN CRAZILY...

I'VE GOT TO FLAME OFF! IF I DON'T REGAIN CONTROL, THE F-CAR WILL CRASH, AND IT'LL BE BYE-BYE THING!



BUT, THIS TIME JOHNNY IS SO INTENT UPON SAVING THE SHIP, THAT HE DOESN'T NOTICE...

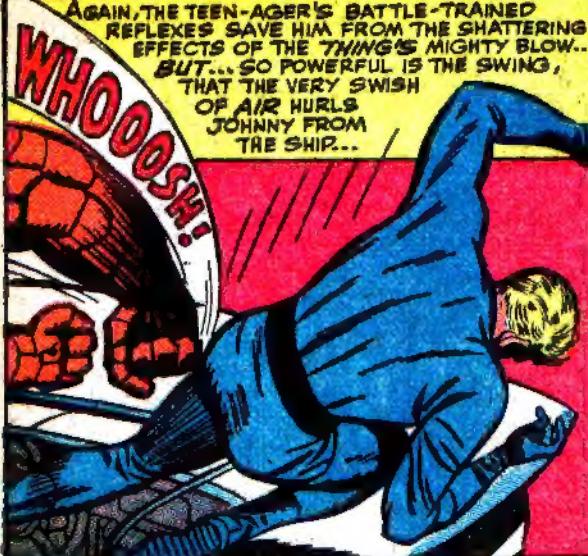
NOW I'LL GET YA...!



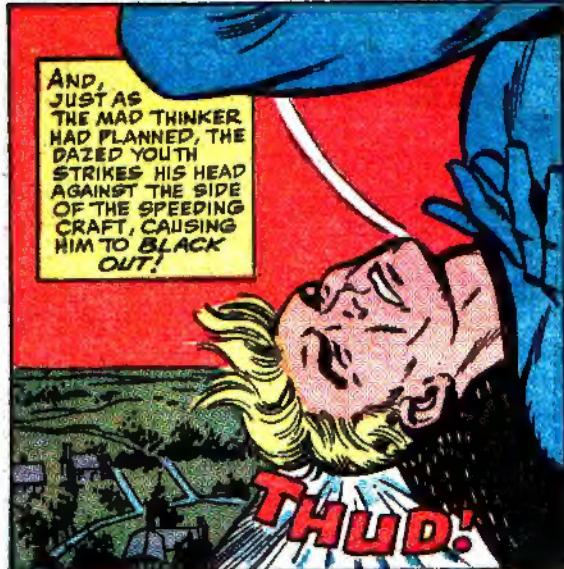
IT WORKED! THE TIMING IS PERFECT! THIS IS THE END OF THE TORCH!



AGAIN, THE TEEN-AGER'S BATTLE-TRAINED
REFLEXES SAVE HIM FROM THE SHATTERING
EFFECTS OF THE THING'S MIGHTY BLOW...
BUT... SO POWERFUL IS THE SWING,
THAT THE VERY SWISH
OF AIR HURLS
JOHNNY FROM
THE SHIP...



AND, JUST AS
THE MAD THINKER
HAD PLANNED, THE
DAZED YOUTH
STRIKES HIS HEAD
AGAINST THE SIDE
OF THE SPEEDING
CRAFT, CAUSING
HIM TO BLACK
OUT!



INASMUCH AS HIS
LIFE-SAVING
FLAME CANNOT
BLAZE ON WITH-
OUT HIS CONSCIOUS
MENTAL CONTROL,
JOHNNY STORM
PLUNGES TOWARDS
THE EARTH BELOW,
AND SEEMINGLY
CERTAIN DOOM!

WHILE THE THING, STILL UNDER THE
PUPPET MASTER'S SPELL, GLOATS
IN TRIUMPH!

HAH! NOTHING
CAN SAVE HIM NOW!!



BUT, SOMEWHERE DEEP IN
THE MIGHTY ADVENTURER'S
BRAIN, A NAGGING THOUGHT
TRIES TO REACH THE
SURFACE... A THOUGHT
THAT HIS YOUNG PAL MUST
BE RESCUED!



WE DID IT,
THINKER! WE'VE
FINISHED OFF
THE TORCH. WE
DID IT!!

JUST AS I
SAID! JUST
AS I
PLANNED!



AND, AS THE MESMERIZED THING
WATCHES JOHNNY STORM FALLING
TO EARTH, THAT ONE NAGGING
THOUGHT POUNDS HARDER AND
HARDER WITHIN HIM... BUT CAN'T
BREAK THE PUPPET-MASTER'S
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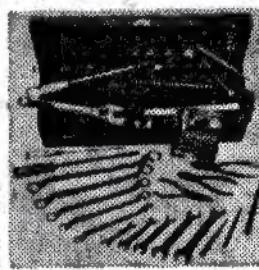
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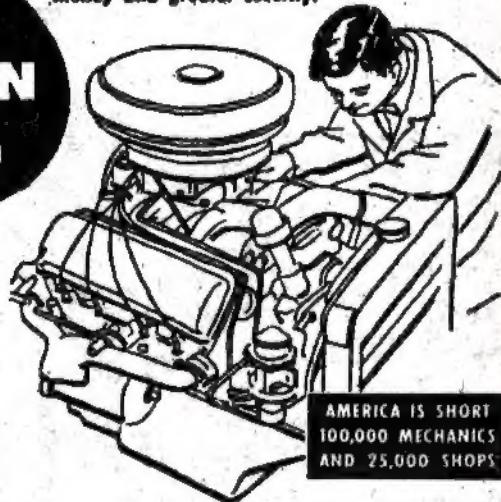


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BUT, NATURE WORKS IN STRANGE, MYSTERIOUS WAYS! THOUGH UNABLE TO ESCAPE HIS TRANCE, THE SIGHT OF JOHNNY'S DIRE DANGER CAUSES EVERY FIBRE OF THE THING'S BEING TO STRAIN AND SEETH...



...UNTIL, UNABLE TO STAND THE STRESS...THE UNBEARABLE TENSION...ANY LONGER, THE VERY BLOOD CELLS OF HIS BODY CHANGE...



...AND HE REVERTS BACK TO HIS FORMER HUMAN FORM...TO THE TRUE IDENTITY OF RUGGED BEN GRIMM!

I'M NO LONGER THE THING! I'M NORMAL AGAIN!

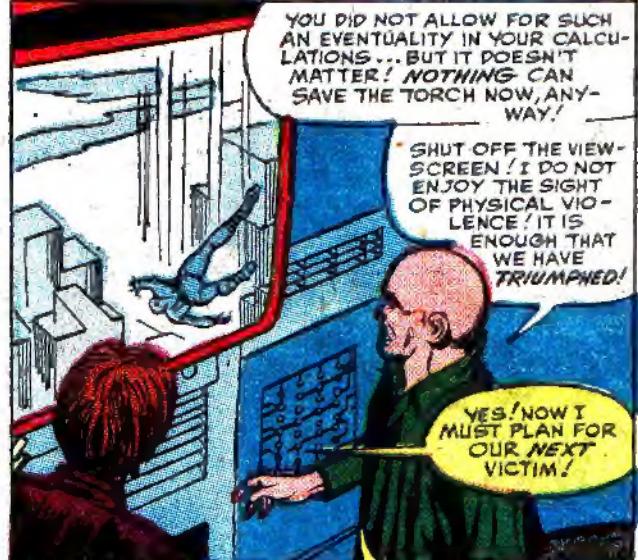


MEANWHILE, THE MAD THINKER HAS WITNESSED THE SUDDEN TRANSFORMATION ON HIS VIEW-SCREEN, AND...

ENOUGH! HE HAS CHANGED TO BEN GRIMM! HE IS NO LONGER UNDER YOUR CONTROL!

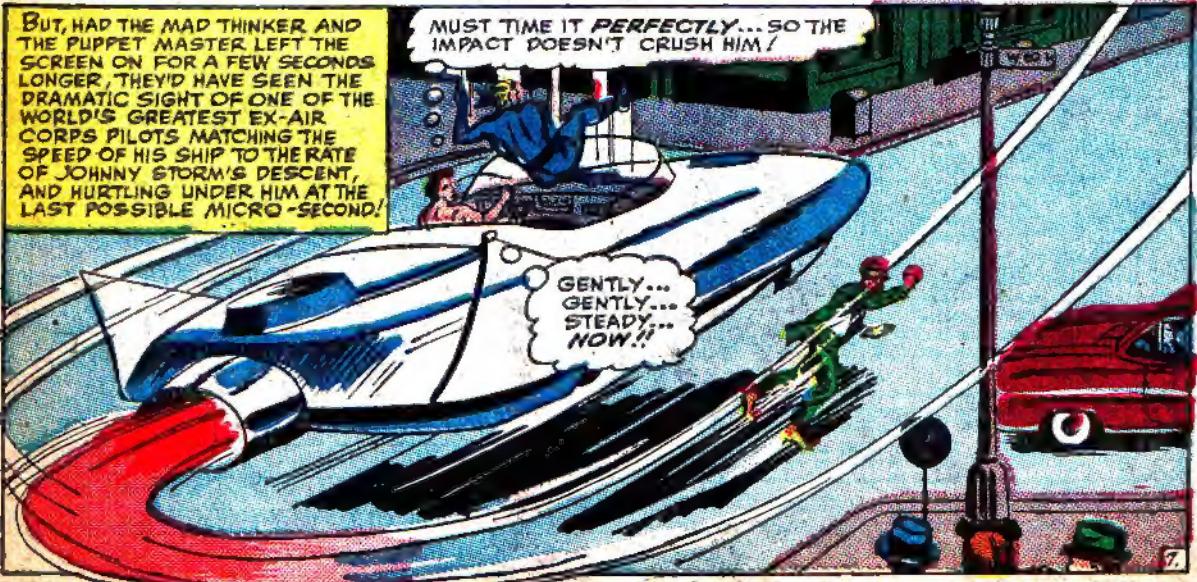


YOUR PUPPET IS IN THE SHAPE OF THE THING... THEREFORE, IT WILL NOT AFFECT THE DIFFERENT FORM OF BEN GRIMM!



BUT, HAD THE MAD THINKER AND THE PUPPET MASTER LEFT THE SCREEN ON FOR A FEW SECONDS LONGER, THEY'D HAVE SEEN THE DRAMATIC SIGHT OF ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST EX-AIR-CORPS PILOTS MATCHING THE SPEED OF HIS SHIP TO THE RATE OF JOHNNY STORM'S DESCENT, AND HURTLING UNDER HIM AT THE LAST POSSIBLE MICRO-SECOND!

MUST TIME IT PERFECTLY...SO THE IMPACT DOESN'T CRUSH HIM!



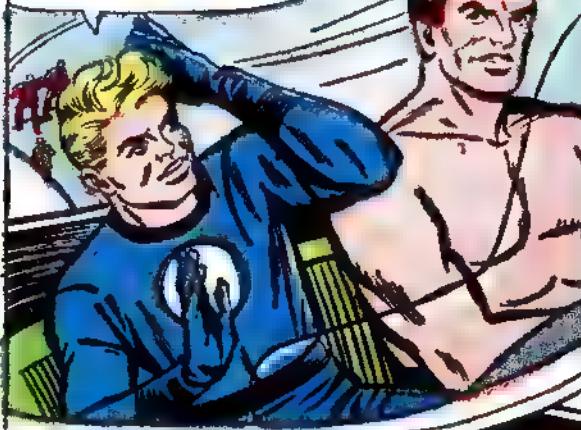
SECONDS LATER, AS JOHNNY RECOVERS CONSCIOUSNESS...

WHAT HAPPENED?? HOW DID... BEN!! LOOK AT YOU? YOU'RE YOURSELF AGAIN!! HOW...??

I'M NOT SURE MYSELF, JOHNNY!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT CAUSED IT... NOR HOW LONG IT'LL LAST, BUT... BUT...

WELL, I GUESS THIS WRAPS THAT SUBJECT UP! SLEEPIN' BEAUTY IS BACK AGAIN!



REED

REED



GOSH, BEN, THE LAST THING I REMEMBER WAS YOU TAKING A SWING AT ME... THEN, I LOST MY BALANCE, AND... BLOOIE!

WHY WOULD LOVEABLE, EASY-GOIN' ME WANNA TAKE A POKE AT YOU??



I CAN'T ANSWER THAT, BEN... BUT WE'D BETTER GET BACK TO HQ AND SEE WHAT REED HAS TO SAY!

OKAY, BUT YOU PHONE THE GALS AND BREAK OUR DATE! I DON'T MIND TACKLIN' A PASSEL OF SUPER-VILLAINS...



...BUT WHEN IT COMES TO BUSTIN' A DATE WITH A FEMALE, I'D RATHER HEAD FOR THE HILLS!!

MOMENTS LATER....

BACK SO SOON, BOYS?

NOW THERE'S A BRILLIANT REMARK!!



SOMETHING HAPPENED, REED!

BIG BEN STARTED ACTING LIKE A NUT A FEW MINUTES AGO! I'LL ADMIT HE USUALLY ACTS THAT WAY, BUT THIS WAS DIFFERENT! HE TRIED TO KILL ME!!

SUPPOSE YOU TELL ME ABOUT IT, FELLA?

NOTHIN' MORE TO TELL, STRETCH! I CAN'T HARDLY EVEN REMEMBER! DO YOU THINK I'M LOSIN' MY MARBLES??



WELL GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS, BEN, AS SOON AS I SLIP MY MODIFIED THOUGHT-PROJECTOR HELMET OVER YOU...

NUTS! THE LAST TIME I USED THIS GIZMO, I HAD NIGHTMARES FOR A WEEK!!

WHY WOULD BEN TRY TO HARM YOU, JOHNNY?

THAT'S WHAT I WANNA KNOW, SIS!

FOR LONG, TENSE MOMENTS NOTHING HAPPENS! THEN, SLOWLY, AN IMAGE FORMS THROUGH THE THOUGHT-PROJECTOR LENS BEAM... THE IMAGE OF A PAIR OF CRUEL, STARING EYES... THE EYES OF...

THE PUPPET MASTER!

NOW IT'S BEGINNING TO MAKE SENSE!

* SEE THE FANTASTIC FOUR #27... EDITOR.

I REMEMBER NOW! ALL OF A SUDDEN SOMETHIN' IN MY BRAIN TOLD ME TO CLOBBER THE KID! IT MUSTA BEEN HIM... AND THIS BLAMED HELMET IS PROVIN' IT FOR US!

THE PUPPET MASTER! I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED! HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN MAKE US OBEY HIS WILL!!

WE'VE GOT TO FIND HIM... STOP HIM BEFORE HE TRIES AGAIN!

YOU'RE RIGHT, JUNIOR! IF HE'S OUT TO GET YA, NOTHING'LL STOP HIM FROM TRYIN' AGAIN AND AGAIN... JUST SO LONG AS HIS PUPPETS HOLD OUT!

REED! HOW DO WE FIGHT A MENACE LIKE HIM? SOMEONE WHO CAN CONTROL OUR WILLS?

FROM WHAT I HEARD SO FAR, THE ATTACK ON YOU WAS TOO CLEVER TO BE MERELY THE WORK OF THE PUPPET MASTER! I HAVE ANOTHER THEORY! I WANT TO WORK ON SOMETHING IN MY LAB FOR A WHILE!

HE'S GONNA JUGGLE TEST TUBES WHILE WE'RE ON THE BRINK O' DOOM! WOTTA GUY!



BUT NOW, LET'S LEAVE THE FABULOUS F.F. FOR A MOMENT, AND RETURN TO THE SCHEMING DEADLY DUO, WHO ARE NOT YET AWARE THAT THEIR PLAN HAS FAILED...

NOW THAT WE'VE ELIMINATED THE TORCH, WHO SHALL BE OUR SECOND VICTIM OF THE ACCURSED FOURSOME??

I HAVE SELECTED THE FEMALE MEMBER OF THE TEAM... SUE STORM! I'M WORKING ON A SPECIAL PLAN FOR HER NOW!



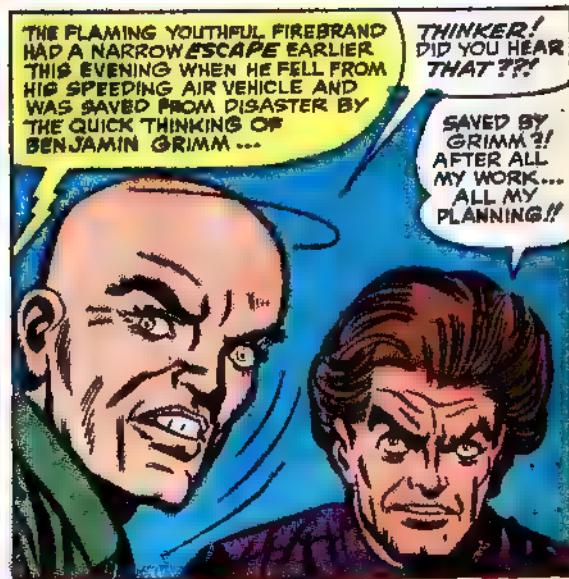
PLEASE STAND BY FOR A SPECIAL BULLETIN ABOUT THE HUMAN TORCH!

HEAR THAT?? THEY'RE ABOUT TO ANNOUNCE OUR DEED ON THE LATE EVENING NEWSCAST! HERE'S A TOAST TO YOU, THINKER! YOU'RE A GENIUS!

THE FLAMING YOUTHFUL FIREBRAND HAD A NARROW ESCAPE EARLIER THIS EVENING WHEN HE FELL FROM HIS SPEEDING AIR VEHICLE AND WAS SAVED FROM DISASTER BY THE QUICK THINKING OF BENJAMIN GRIMM ...

THINKER! DID YOU HEAR THAT???

SAVED BY GRIMM?! AFTER ALL MY WORK... ALL MY PLANNING!!



I KNEW IT!! I WAS AFRAID OF THIS!! I TOLD YOU... THE FANTASTIC FOUR ARE UNBEATABLE!

BALDERDASH! THEY'RE NO MORE UNBEATABLE THAN THE METS! LOOK HOW EASILY WE ATTACKED THEM... HOW CLOSE WE CAME TO SUCCESS!

THIS TIME AN UNEXPECTED PHYSIOLOGICAL CHANGE IN THE THING SAVED 'THE TORCH' BY THE SKIN OF HIS TEETH!

NEXT TIME THEY WON'T BE SO LUCKY!

THAT MEANS YOU WANT TO TRY AGAIN? TO GO THROUGH ALL THAT ANXIETY... ALL THAT WORRY AGAIN!





CONTINUED AFTER NEXT PAGE

AND, JOHNNY'S
REMARK PROVES
TO BE CORRECT!

UH-OH! ANOTHER
ONE OF YOUR NUTTY
CORNBALL CONTRAPTION!

BOY! LEAVE IT
TO GOOD OL' REED
TO COME UP WITH
SOME KIND OF
FAR-OUT
INVENTION!

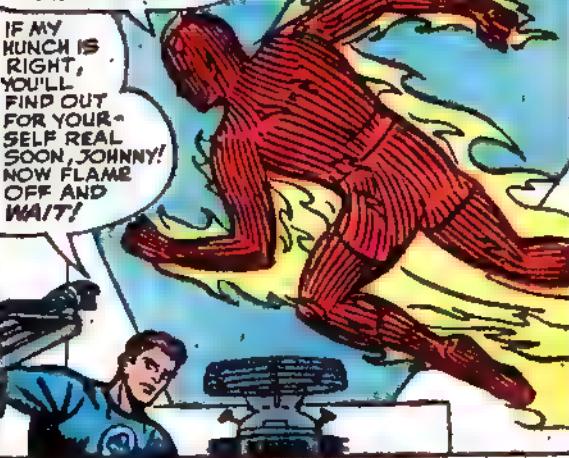
THAT'S RIGHT, BENJAMIN...
AND IT'S JUST FOR YOU!
COME HERE, PARTNER...
DON'T BE SHY!!

YOU'RE
THE ONLY
ONE WHO
CAN HELP
WITH THIS
PART OF THE
EXPERIMENT!



RATS! JUST TELL ME ONE BLAMED THING...!
WHY IS IT ALWAYS
PROBABLY BECAUSE
YOU'RE SO GOOD-NATURED AND
UNCOMPLAINING! NOW KEEP YOUR
MOUTH SHUT...IF IT'S POSSIBLE!

SAY, BOSS MAN! IF IT ISN'T A MILITARY SECRET,
HOW WILL THAT DIZZY-LOOKING GIMMICK ON
BEN'S HEAD HELP TO BEAT
THE THINKER??



THEN, WHILE THE COLORFUL COMBO EAGERLY
COUNT THE SECONDS... THE SAME TYPE OF NERVOUS-
NESS IS ALSO BEING FELT IN THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE
DEADLY DUO!

IT'S ALL FINISHED AT LAST! CERTAINLY! ACCORDING TO
MY COMPUTERS, THE AMOUNT OF RADIO-ACTIVE
CLAY YOU USED ON THE THING'S PUPPET IS ENOUGH
TO WEAKEN HIM SO THAT HE'LL NEVER BOTHER
ANYONE AGAIN!



DON'T
WASTE A
MINUTE!
STRIKE
NOW,
WHILE
WE BOTH
CAN!

QUICK! COMMAND THE THING TO GROW WEAKER! THINK HARD... HARDER... HARDER! VICTORY IS ALMOST WITHIN OUR GRASP!

BUT, AS THE RADIATIVE PUPPET DOES ITS WORK... ITS AMAZING EMANATIONS REACHING THE THING... HIS STRANGE HELMET BEGINS TO GLOW... TO SHIMMER... AND THEN...

THE VERY POWER WHICH THE DEADLY DUO WANTED TO STRIKE THE THING... TO WEAKEN HIM... STRIKED BACK AT THE PUPPET MASTER INSTEAD... HURLING HIM OFF HIS FEET WITH A MIGHTY POWER FEEDBACK!!



UHHHHH... THEY TRICKED US! THEY WERE READY FOR ME! THEY FOUND A WAY TO BOUNCE MY OWN ATTACK BACK TO ME!



IT MAY NOT BE AS SATISFYING, BEN... BUT I USED THAT DEVICE FOR A REASON! WHEN THE PUPPET MASTER RECOVERS, HE'LL KNOW WE HAVE A DEFENSE AGAINST HIM... AND HE MAY NEVER ATTACK US AGAIN!!



BUT, UNTIL THAT TIME COMES, LET'S TURN THE PAGE AND SEE WHAT DEVILTRY DR. STRANGE IS ABOUT TO FACE...

THE END 19.

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Dear Stan and Steve,

Congratulations on your Dr. Strange—master of mysticism and occultism and all the metaphysical sciences, of telepathy, telekinesis and hypnosis, and his terrific powers of the supernatural, black magic and superior mystical arts. He was also great as a guest star friend of the F.F., using his powers in the crusade of good over evil. His skilled triumphs over Baron Mordo are very commendable—Mordo is a worthy though evil opponent. Paudits to Stan and Steve for their many enjoyable tales!

John Cirkoth, 98 Howard Ave.
Ansonia, Conn.

And may the hoary hand of Hoggoth never hold you in its grasp, Johnny!

Dear Stan and Dick,

Who is stronger—the Thing or the Sub-Mariner? Of all your characters I like Benjamin J. Grimm the best, or, to those who are not in this world, the Thing. My sister, who is 27 and a schoolteacher, likes Thor. My brother likes Sub-Mariner. Who do you like best out of those three? It had better be Ben because I buy the comic books! Personally, I think all your mags are great! Keep up the good work and I'll keep buying!

Joe Schifino, 78 Lyon Ave.
E. Providence 14, R.I.

Personally, we're kinda partial to Doctor Doom—so sue us! As for the Thing's strength vs. that of the Sub-Mariner, we have a feeling that bashful Benjamin has the edge on land, but nautical Namor would be boss underwater! Okay, jolly Joey?

Dear Stan and Dick,

I have been "confined to quarters" for a year with Rheumatic Fever. Last August my brother picked up a STRANGE TALES comic called "Human Torch vs. the Asbestos Man." It was great!! Since then I have been collecting your excellent comics—I now have about 75 of them. They certainly helped me live through this last year. I know almost all of your Marvel Age Comics by heart, all of which I eagerly await at the city where I go each Friday. Friday is now my favorite day of the week. See you next ish!. Michael Martin, 450 Delhaven Ave. Penndel, Pa.

Okay, Mike ol' pal—but don't bother buying any more STRANGE TALES! We're sending you a gift subscription—compliments of Johnny Storm!

Dear Stan and Steve,

In one of the early Dr Strange stories after a girl had saved him by answering his mental message, she asked to become a disciple but Dr Strange refused. Please let's have another look at her Bay, would it make good reading!

Benjamin Burenstein, 167 Stoneway Lane
Bala-Cynwyd, Pa.

We haven't run into her for a while, Benji, but how about the doll Doe met in this ish?? Will SHE do?

Dear Stan and Dick and Steve,

Hurray for Neal Preston! I agree with him 100%. Dr Strange is terrible, crummy, etc. (I could go on forever). If he were thrown out of STRANGE TALES there would be room for another great marvelous Human Torch story. It would make this book twice as popular. I'm sure the majority of Marvel fans (and who isn't?) agree with me and Neal enough to start a petition if necessary.

Richard Davison, Box 384
Laytonville, Cal.

Where've you been, Dick?? Our ol' amulet-wearer is one of the most popular characters in the Marvel lineup! Anyway, we'd be afraid to drop him—do you think we want him to get the Vishanti after us??

Dear Stan and Dick,

I'm trying to figure out where to start my volumes of praise, but I guess this'll do: Entertaining Ande from

that, just a question: Is the Yancy Street Gang to be considered evil? I hope not because they're a wonderful source of perplexity! And I wouldn't be at all surprised since we've seen Nick Fury in FF already if Dum-Dum Dugan were a charter member of the Y.S.G. Hmn? A final word for one of my favorites—Dr Strange. How about a review of his career, his beginning, and his progress in his arts. Does the Doc send out autographed pictures?

Dave Nixon, Box 337, Parks College
East St. Louis, Ill.

Uh, uh, Davey—only mental thought images—but you can't frames those! Anyhow, we'll try and run a pin-up of 'im soon. As for the Yancy Streeters, we think they're kinda loveable—but do us a favor and don't tell blue-eyed Benjamin!



Dear Stan and Dick,

I think your magazine STRANGE TALES is fabulous, and Marvel Comics is the greatest thing to happen in the world since the record player! More of your fans should write in and make a top ten poll to see what your best mags are. Here's my contribution: 1) FF, 2) AVENGERS, 3) X-MEN, 4) STRANGE TALES, 5) SPIDER-MAN, 6) THOR, 7) TALES TO ASTONISH, 8) IRON MAN, 9) SGT. FURY. From what I've heard of America it's a great country and I hope that someday I will visit there. Right now I have other things on my schedule like the fact that we are moving to Australia. I just hope your comics are sold out there!

Paul Brackley, 188 Middle Lane
Honsey, London, N8, England

They sure are, Paul—including one which hadn't been on sale in England at the time you wrote your letter. It's called DAREDEVIL. Look for it in down-under land, and thanks for the kind words!

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—Boy, are we tired! We just finished writing the new letters pages for THOR, TALES TO ASTONISH, TALES OF SUSPENSE, and now THIS one wraps it up! That means we'll have letters pages in every Marvel mag (except the Westerns and female titles) for as long as we can handle the chore! Now do us a favor and write large enough for us to read it, using either a typewriter, ink, or a pencil that writes good and dark. Okay? Now, let's face front. . . .

—The letters on this page were originally parts of other mail addressed to our other titles, but we had to start somewhere, so we're using them for now. And now—a few final words before we close. . . .

—Remember Carl Burgos, who drew the Torch Vs. Beetle tale in STRANGE TALES #123? Well, he's coming back to the bullpen again, and this time he's going to tackle Giant-Man in ASTONISH #62. We'll be anxious to get your opinion, as usual (And remember—next STRANGE TALES has a real, honest to goodness mystery villain!)

—A final word—see if you can guess what M.M.M.S. stands for? It's just a new little gimmick we dreamed up to drive you batty—but it's going to be very important to all of us Marvel madmen in the future! So, till we meet next ish, don't play with radioactive modeling clay—and keep your amulet polished and clean!

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THE DREAD

DORMAHAMLU!



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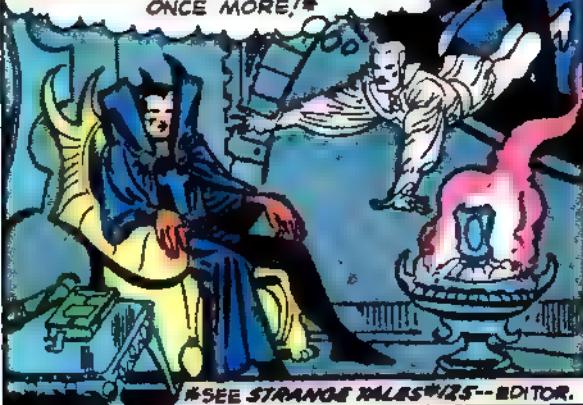
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NABOR OF NECROMANCY!

IT IS MIDNIGHT! THE CITY IS STILL! THE SILENCE IS THICK! THE SKY IS DARK AND STARLESS, AS THE ECTOPLASMIC FORM OF DR. STRANGE DRIFTS THRU HIS WINDOW TO REUNITE WITH HIS PHYSICAL FORM!

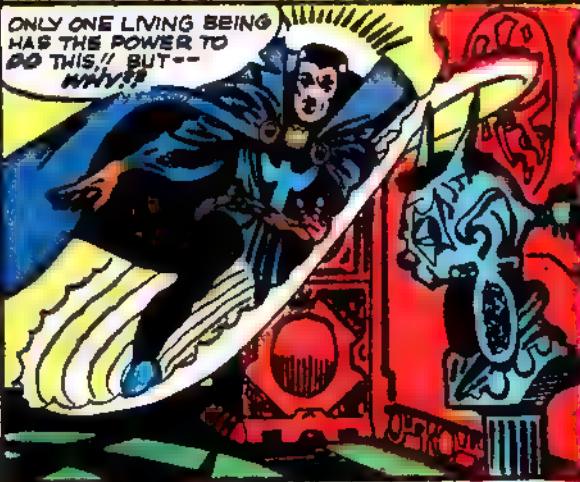
IT IS GOOD TO BE HOME AGAIN, NOW THAT I KNOW THE EVIL BARON MORDO HAS BEEN DEFEATED ONCE MORE!*



*SEE STRANGE TALES #25 - EDITOR.

BUT, NO SOONER DOES THE MAN OF MYSTERY ATTAIN HIS MORTAL BODY, THEN HE FINDS HIMSELF IN THE GRIP OF A SPELL SO POWERFUL HE DARES NOT EVEN THINK ITS NAME!

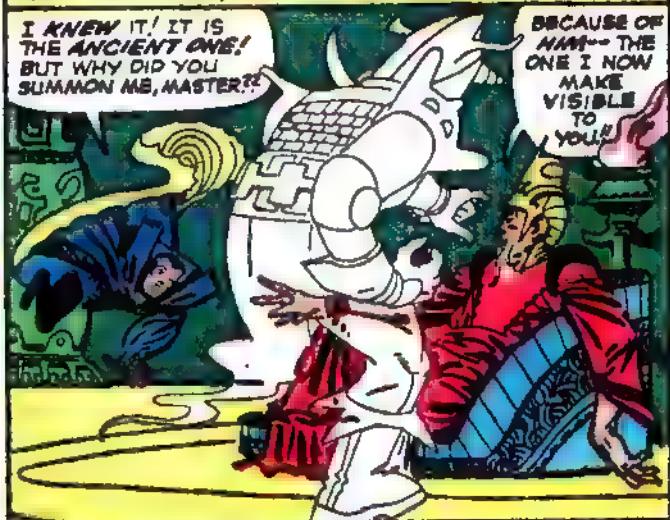
ONLY ONE LIVING BEING HAS THE POWER TO DO THIS!! BUT-- WHA--???



HALF WAY AROUND THE WORLD, IN WHAT SEEMS THE WINK OF AN EYE, DR. STRANGE RECEIVES HIS ANSWER...

I KNEW IT! IT IS THE ANCIENT ONE! BUT WHY DID YOU SUMMON ME, MASTER??

BECAUSE OF HIM-- THE ONE I NOW MAKE VISIBLE TO YOU!!



A SPIRIT FORM! DOES HE DARE TO MENACE YOU, MASTER??

NO, MY SON! HE IS MERELY A MESSENGER --FROM THE DREAD DORMAMMU!!



THE DREAD DORMAMMU!! MOST POWERFUL OF THE DWELLERS IN THE REALM OF DARKNESS!! WHAT DOES HE SEEK OF US??

HE THREATENS TO LEAVE THE DARK REALM-- TO ENTER THE WORLD OF MAN! BUT THAT MUST NEVER BE!!



HIS POWERS ARE TOO GREAT! HIS WAYS ARE TOO ALIEN! HUMANITY MUST NEVER BE THREATENED BY SUCH A MENACE! AND YET-- I AM TOO AGED-- TOO WEARY-- TO STOP HIM!

SAY NO MORE, MASTER! I SHALL CONFRONT THE DREAD DORMAMMU!



REMEMBER THIS, MY SON--
HE IS LIKE NO FOE YOU
HAVE EVER FOUGHT BEFORE!
HIS POWER IS BEYOND
DESCRIPTION--HIS WORLD
IS FRAUGHT WITH STRANGE
DANGERS--

IT IS TRULY SAID
--IN ALL THE
UNIVERSE, THERE
IS NONE SO TO
COMPARE TO THE
DREAD
DORMAMMU!

EVEN I, AT THE HEIGHT
OF MY POWER, WAS
UNABLE TO DEFEAT
HIM! IF YOU SHOULD
FAIL--THERE CAN BE
NO HELP FOR YOU!!

I DARE NOT FAIL,
MASTER!! TOO MUCH
IS AT STAKE!!



SO BE IT, THEN!! BY THE
SHADES OF THE SERAPHIM--
IN THE NAME OF THE ALL-
SEEING AGAMOTTO--

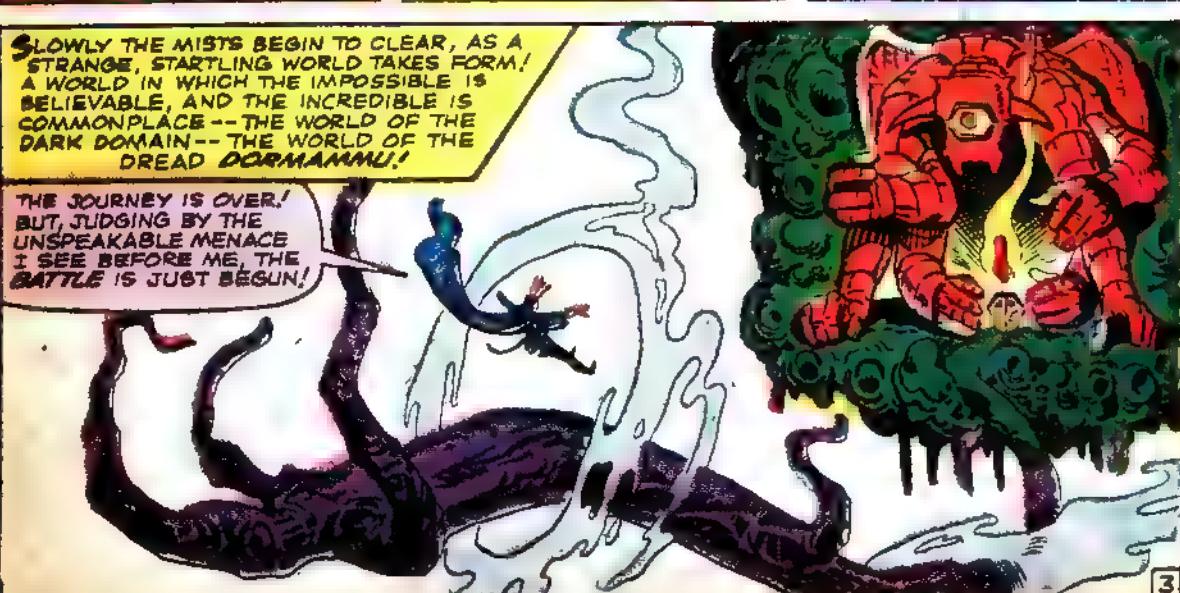
--I DISPATCH THEE TO--
THE DOMAIN OF THE
DREAD DORMAMMU!!

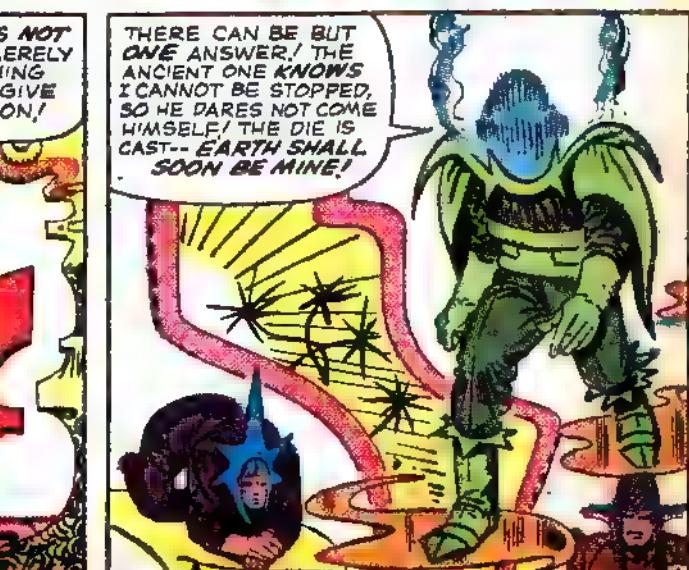
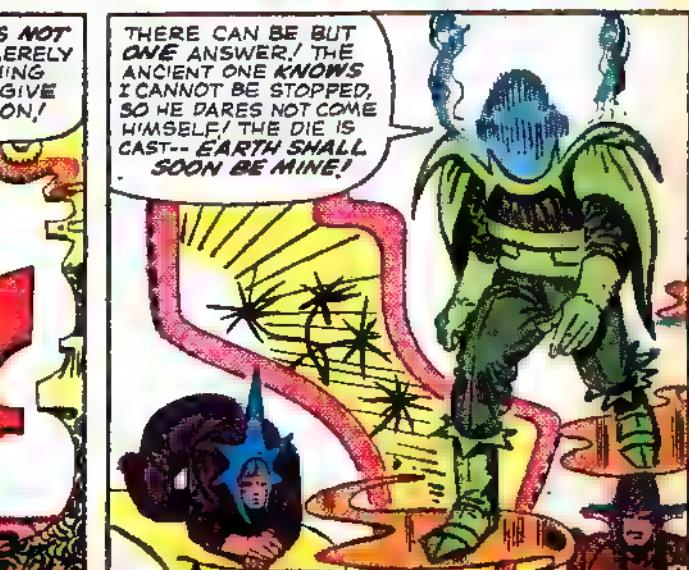
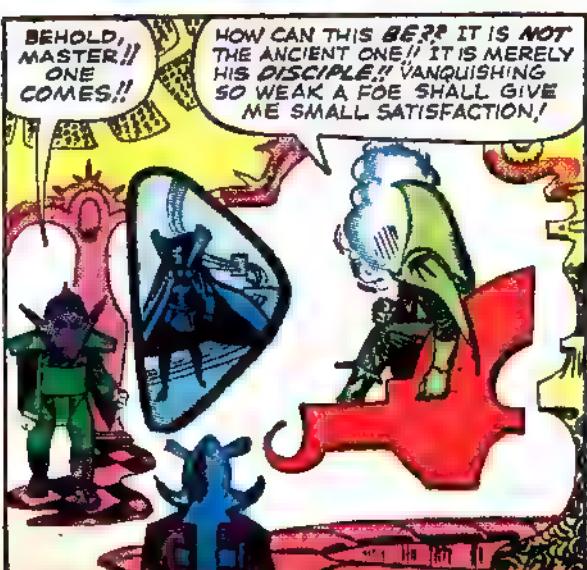
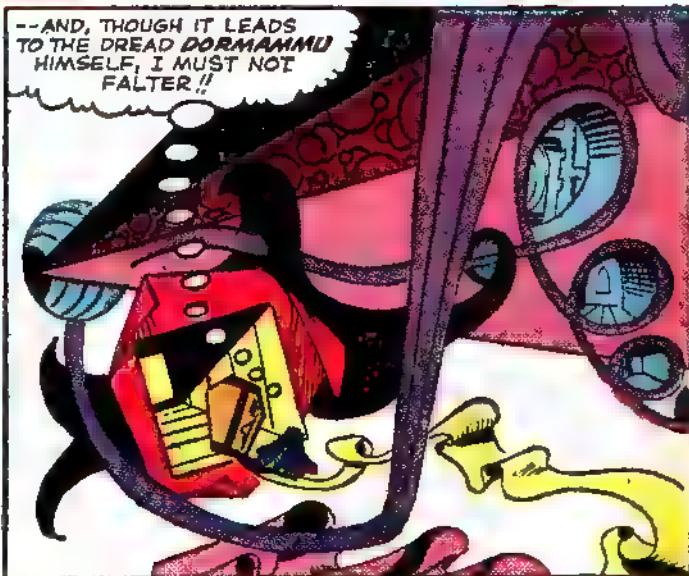
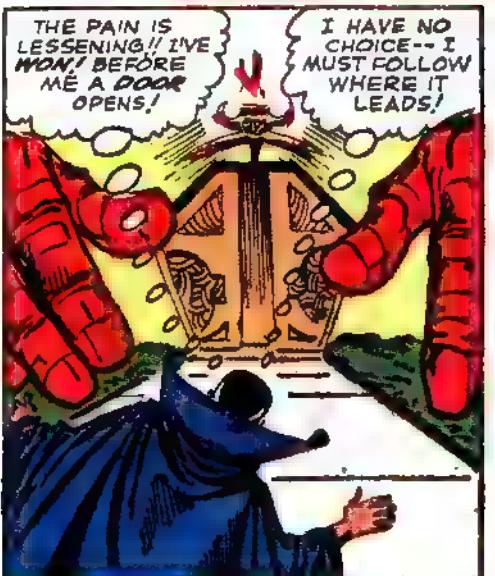
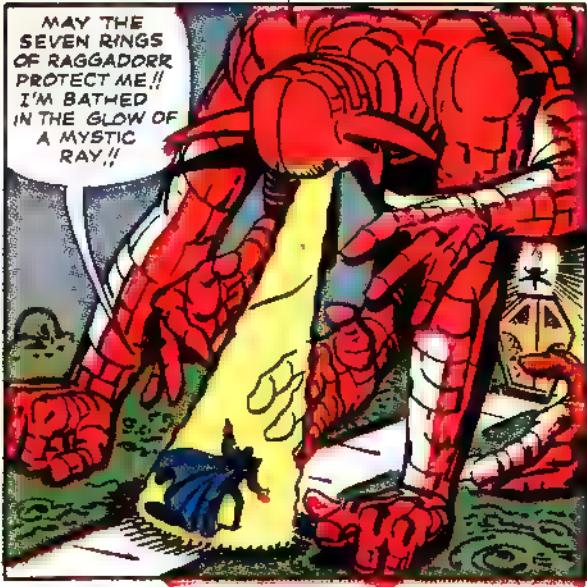
IT IS DONE!! THERE
CAN BE NO TURNING
BACK!! I AM COMMITTED
TO THE BATTLE OF MY
LIFE!!



SLOWLY THE MISTS BEGIN TO CLEAR, AS A
STRANGE, STARTLING WORLD TAKES FORM!
A WORLD IN WHICH THE IMPOSSIBLE IS
BELIEVABLE, AND THE INCREDIBLE IS
COMMONPLACE--THE WORLD OF THE
DARK DOMAIN--THE WORLD OF THE
DREAD DORMAMMU!

THE JOURNEY IS OVER!
BUT, JUDGING BY THE
UNSPECAKABLE MENACE
I SEE BEFORE ME, THE
BATTLE IS JUST BEGUN!





MASTER--
WHAT IF
THE
HUMAN
BE
STRONGER
THAN YOU
SUSPECT??

YOU DARE
QUESTION ME--
THE DREAD
DORMAHNUU!!

SUCH
INSOLENCE
MUST NOT
GO UN-
PUNISHED!!

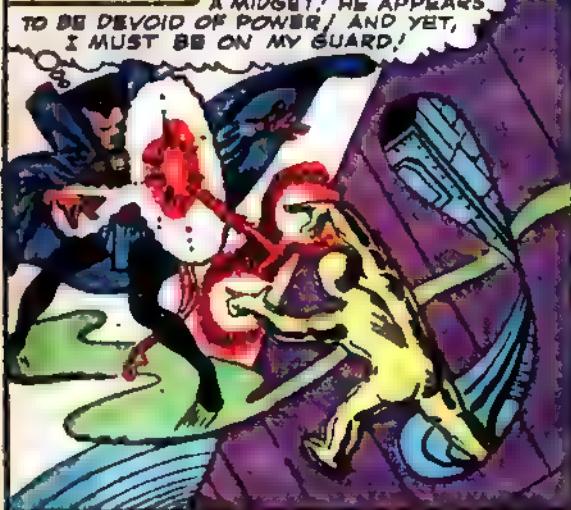
NO, MASTER!
MERCY--
WE BEG
THEE--!!

WHAT DO I KNOW OF
MERCY?? YOU SHALL
REMAIN THUS IMPRISONED
BY THE CRIMSON BANDS
OF CYTTORAK TILL IT
PLEASES ME TO
RELEASE YOU!

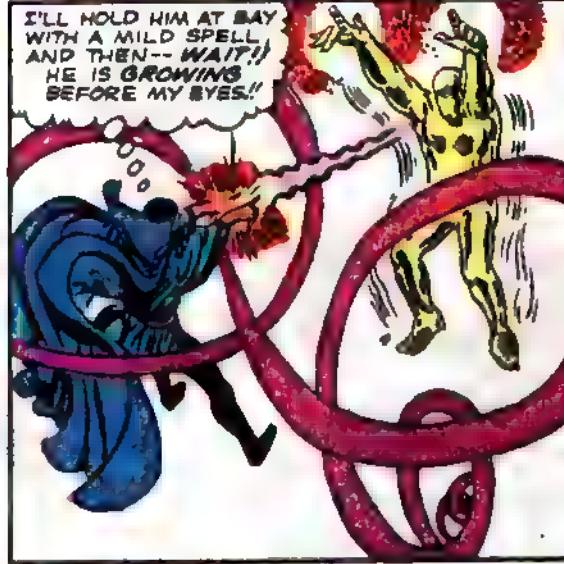


MEANTIME, DR. STRANGE FACES HIS NEXT
CHALLENGE...

A MIDGET! HE APPEARS
TO BE DEVOID OF POWER, AND YET,
I MUST BE ON MY GUARD!



I'LL HOLD HIM AT BAY
WITH A MILD SPELL
AND THEN-- WAIT!!
HE IS GROWING
BEFORE MY EYES!!



I'LL NEED A
STRONGER
SPELL! BUT--
AGAIN HE
HAS GROWN!!

NOW I SEE HIS
POWER! HE FEEDS
ON SPELLS! THEY
NOURISH HIM!

'TIS I WHO
HAVE MADE
HIM GROW!!



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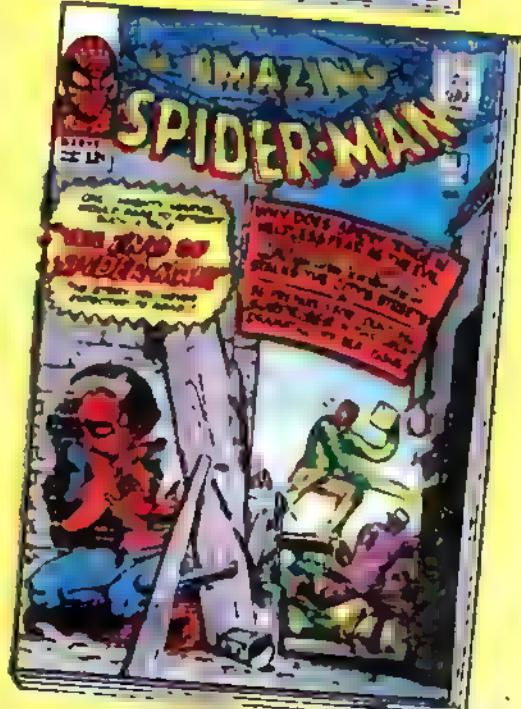
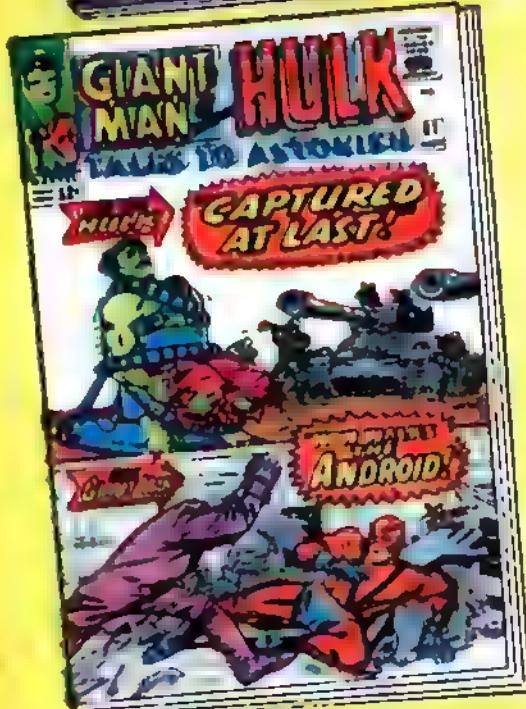
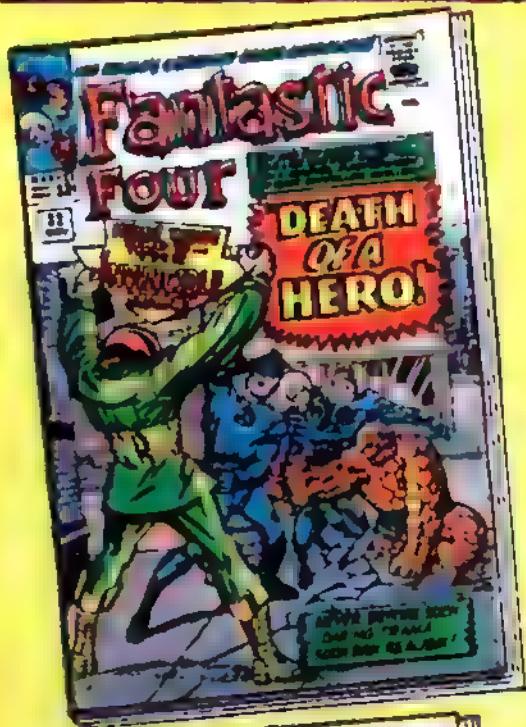
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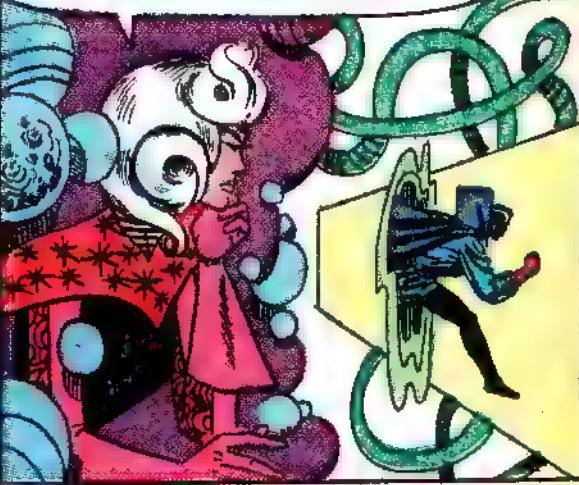
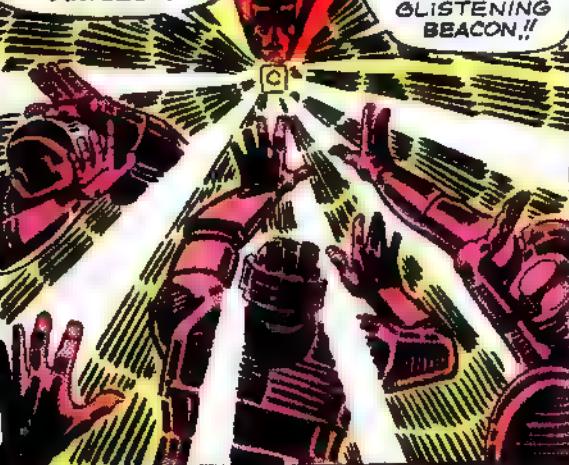
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OF COURSE!! THE
ONE WEAPON WHICH
NEVER FAILS ME!!
MY ENCHANTED
AMULET!

DWELLERS IN THE
REALM OF DARK-
NESS CANNOT
RESIST ITS
GLEAMING,
GLISTENING
BEACON!!

THE CREATURE FROM ANOTHER WORLD
POSSESSES COURAGE! WHAT A PITY HE
CAN NEVER HOPE TO TRIUMPH OVER
THE DREAD DORMAMMU!



WHY DOES HE CONTINUE ON??
SURELY BY NOW HE CAN SEE
HOW HOPELESS IT IS!



ODD--I FEEL AS THOUGH
I'M BEING WATCHED--AS
THOUGH A VOICE INSIDE
ME IS URGING ME TO GO
BACK!



BY THE HOARY HOSTS OF HOGGOOTH, THING
OF EVIL--BEGONE!!!

I DON'T LIKE
IT! IT'S TOO
EASY A
VICTORY!



ANOTHER ONE!
AND I'VE NO WAY
OF KNOWING HOW
MANY MORE WILL
FOLLOW!



THE BUBBLES
HE HAS THROWN
ARE FORMING A
POCKET AROUND
ME!

NOW I KNOW WHY THE
OTHER WAS SO EASY TO
VANQUISH!! IT WAS TO
THROW ME OFF-GUARD
FOR THIS NEW MENACE!



I CANNOT BREAK FREE!!
MY VERY SPELLS THEM-
SELVES SEEM UNABLE
TO PENETRATE THIS
AWESOME SCREEN!!



BUT, IF I COULD CUT A HOLE
IN THE SCREEN--A PATH FOR
MY SPELLS TO GO THRU--ONCE
MORE I MUST CALL UPON MY
ENCHANTED AMULET!!

THERE!
MY WAY IS
CLEAR
NOW!



FIRST, I LET
THE LIGHT OF
THE VISHANTI
BATHE HIM IN
ITS IRRESIS-
TIBLE GLOW--

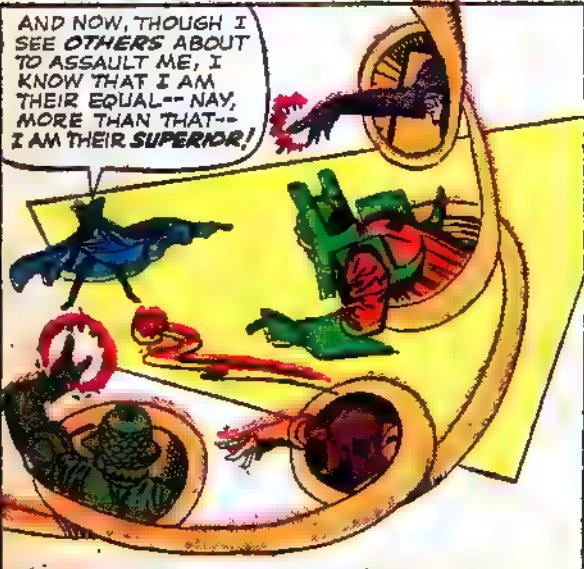
IMPRISON-
ING HIM
FOR AS
LONG AS
I DESIRE!



NEXT, I DISPEL THE POCKET
AROUND ME--REPLACING
IT WITH THE VAPORS OF
VALTORR!!



AND NOW, THOUGH I
SEE OTHERS ABOUT
TO ASSAULT ME, I
KNOW THAT I AM
THEIR EQUAL--NAY,
MORE THAN THAT--
I AM THEIR SUPERIOR!



NEVER HAVE I SEEN SUCH A ONE!!
HE VANQUISHES THOSE WHO OPPOSE
HIM AS IF HE'S THE DREAD DORMAMMU
HIMSELF!



AND, AT THAT VERY INSTANT,
THE MONARCH OF THE DARK
DOMAIN GIVES VENT TO HIS
UNCONTROLLABLE RAGE--

SO! YOU ALLOWED
YOURSLEVS TO BE
DEFEATED BY A LONE
INTRUDER!!

MERCY,
MASTER!
WE DID
OUR BEST!

SILENCE!! I BANISH
YOU ALL TO LIMBO!
THE VERY SIGHT OF
YOU IS OFFENSIVE TO
MY EYES!

WHEN THE INTRUDER
IS SLAIN, YOU SHALL
RETURN! BUT, NOT AN
INSTANT BEFORE!

AND NOW, I MYSELF SHALL
DEAL WITH THE ONE FROM
THE WORLD CALLED EARTH!
LET HIM BE BROUGHT TO
ME!!

NO SOONER HAS
THE THOUGHT
TAKEN FORM, THAN
A MYSTIC PATH
APPEARS, LEADING
TO THE DREAD
DORMAMMU!!

NEVER HAVE I SENSED SUCH RAGE,
SUCH FURY IN THE HEART OF
DORMAMMU! THE VALIANT
STRANGER WALKS TO HIS
DOOM!!

COME FORWARD, YOU
OF THE OUTER WORLD!!
I WISH TO LOOK UPON
YOUR FEATURES--BEFORE
YOU DIE!

I SENSE SOMEONE BEHIND
ME! I WAS RIGHT! IT'S--A
GIRL!
STOP! YOU MUST GO
NO FURTHER! THE
DREAD DORMAMMU
WAITS TO SLAY YOU!

I AM AWARE OF THAT!
BUT YOU CANNOT SUS-
PECT HOW POWERFUL
HE IS! YOU THROW
AWAY YOUR LIFE BY
FACING HIM!

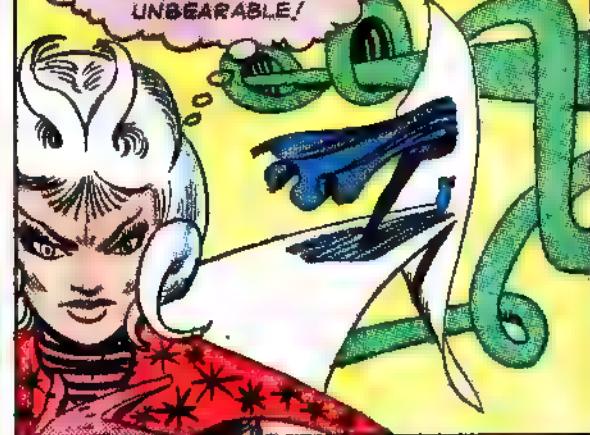
I HAVE PLEDGED MY LIFE TO BATTLING EVIL!
THERE CAN BE NO GREATER CALLING!

BUT YOU CANNOT KNOW
WHAT YOU WILL FACE!
IN ALL THE UNIVERSE,
THERE IS NONE LIKE...
DORMAMMU!



THAT IS WHY I MUST NOT SHIRK, NOR FALTER!
DORMAMMU MUST NEVER SET FOOT UPON THE
PLANET EARTH!

WHY DID I TRY TO WARN
HIM? DORMAMMU'S WRATH
WOULD HAVE BEEN
UNBEARABLE!



FINALLY, THE TWO ADVERSARIES FROM TWO DIFFERENT WORLDS STAND BEFORE EACH OTHER!

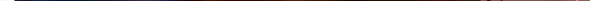
I HAVE BROUGHT YOU A MESSAGE
FROM THE ANCIENT ONE! YOU ARE
FORBIDDEN TO SET FOOT ON
EARTH, UNDER PENALTY OF--

ENOUGH!!!
NONE SPEAK
THUS IN THE
PRESENCE OF
DORMAMMU!!!



YOU ARE MERELY
A MESSENGER!
I DISCUSS NOTHING
WITH UNDERLINGS!
SEND ME THE
ANCIENT ONE!

I SHALL PERMIT
YOU TO LIVE A
FEW MOMENTS
LONGER UNTIL
HE ENTERS!



IT IS WITH ME YOU SHALL DEAL!
IF YOU WISH TO ATTACK THE
ANCIENT ONE, IT CANNOT BE DONE
WHILE I STILL LIVE!

THEN
REMEMBER
THOSE FOOL-HARDY
WORDS,
HUMAN! THEY
SHALL BE
AMONG THE
LAST YOU
EVER LITTER!

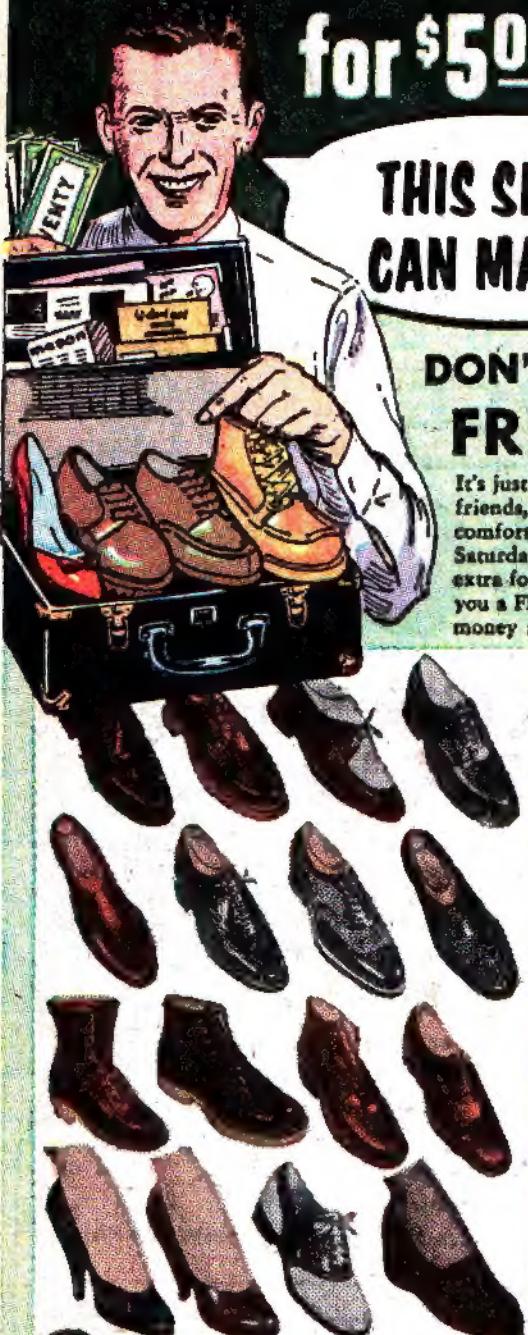


IF YOU WOULD SAVE THE WORLD YOU
COME FROM, YOU MUST FIRST DEFEAT
DORMAMMU! BUT THIS CANNOT BE
DONE--FOR, THE DREAD DORMAMMU
IS--UNBEATABLE!



ALONE IN AN ALIEN DIMENSION--ABOUT TO
BATTLE THE MOST POWERFUL FIGURE IN THE
WORLDS OF BLACK MAGIC--DOCTOR STRANGE IS
FACING THE FIGHT OF HIS LIFE! AND WE SHALL
BRING YOU THE COMPLETE CHRONICLE OF THAT
NEVER-TO-BE-FORGOTTEN BATTLE NEXT ISSUE!
SO, TILL THEN, MAY THE DREAD DORMAMMU
NEVER SPEAK YOUR NAME!

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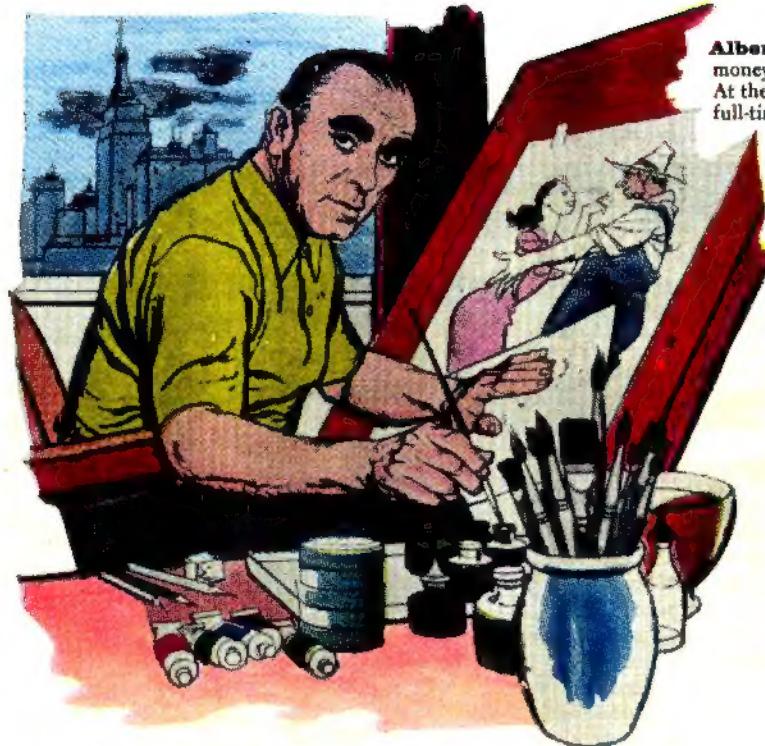
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